

REMARKS

This is in reply to the Examiner's detailed election/restriction request set forth in the Office Action dated November 24, 2004. With respect to the Examiner's election of species request, Applicant's elect, pursuant to MPEP § 809.02(a), examination of the species of the invention set forth in Example 1. This concerns the thienylene-arylene polymer (2). As a result Applicant's elect from the Examiner's listing of possible groups of distinct species the following:

- A-1, with the number 2,
- B-1, with the number 1,
- C-2, with the number 2; and,
- D-1.

Furthermore, claims 24-29 and 32-45 have been withdrawn (with traverse) to simplify the examination process. Hence, no election is required for groups E-H.

Additionally, please note that claim 1 is generic. Although claim 45 has been withdrawn without prejudice, claims 46-48 have been added. Claim 46 is also believed to be generic.

Withdrawal of the rejections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is requested.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is hereby authorized to call Richard M. Klein, at telephone number 216-861-5582, Cleveland, OH.

It is believed that no fee is due in conjunction with this response. If, however, it is determined that fees are due, authorization is hereby given for deduction of those fees, other than the issue fees, from Deposit Account No. 24-0037.

Respectfully submitted,

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